(b) what is the expenditure incurred thereon and the amount earned as a result thereof;

(c) whether the country is incurring losses in exporting iron ore; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the losses?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES(SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Exports of iron ore from Visakhapatnam port are made only by MMTC who do not maintain their accounts on Calendar year basis. However, quantities of iron ore exported, expenditure incurred thereon and amount earned from these exports during 1984-85 and 1985-86 were as under:—

	1984-85	1985-86
Exports (in million tonnes)	5.799	5.725
Expenditure incurred (Rs. in crores)	125.86	139.99
Amount earned (Rs. in crores)	133.88	138.30

Expenditure incurred during 1985-86 included an amount of Rs. 5.7 crores relating to liabilities incurred in previous years.

(c) and (d) No study has been made of profit or loss incurred in the export of iron ore from the country. However, Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices in a recent study of MMTC's exports of iron ore have concluded that these are economically profitable to the nation.

Import of capital goods by Non-resident Indians

*116. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Non-resident Indians who were allowed to import capital goods during the last three years to set up industries in India and the value thereof;

(b) what had been the scheme of Government in this regard;

(c) whether any changes have been made in the scheme recently, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) which are the areas covered under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Sugar Policy

*117. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding National Sugar Policy;

(b) what decision has been taken on the clearance of new projects for sugar factories; and

(c) by when the pending projects for sugar factories are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Decisions on certain aspects of sugar policy *viz*; fixation of statutory minimum cane price for the 1985-86 and 1986-87 seasons, the ratio of levy to free sale sugar for the current season, 1985-86, and the benefit of the differential levy sugar price for weak units were taken and announced in November, 1985.

The guidelines for licensing additional capacity and related issues during the Seventh Five Year Plan are being evolved.